

We claim:

1. A glitter candle composition comprising any suitable candle matrix material and a suitable glitter material wherein said suitable glitter material comprises polyesters,
5 copolyesters, aluminum, and/or mica based materials and wherein said suitable glitter material does not produce noxious or harmful emissions and is substantially free of heavy metals.
2. The glitter candle composition of claim 1, wherein the glitter material comprises a mica
10 based material which includes heavy metals present in an amount less than about 10 parts per million.
3. The glitter candle composition of claim 2, wherein the heavy metals comprise arsenic, cadmium, lead, mercury, and zinc.
- 15 4. The glitter candle composition of claim 1, wherein the glitter material produces emissions that do not contain harmful quantities of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrous oxide, or cyanide gas.
5. The glitter candle composition of claim 1, wherein the glitter material is substantially free
20 from unpolymerized monomers.
6. The glitter candle composition of claim 1, wherein the glitter material is substantially free from carcinogens.
- 25 7. The glitter candle composition of claim 6, wherein the carcinogens comprise acrolein, metacrylic acid, and acetaldehyde.
8. The glitter candle composition of claim 1, wherein the glitter material is present in an amount from about 1% to about 10% by weight of the total glitter candle composition.

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9. The glitter candle composition of claim 1, wherein the glitter material is present in an amount from about 0.0001% to about 0.1% by weight of the total glitter candle composition.

10. The glitter candle composition of claim 1, wherein the glitter material is from about 0.05x0.05x0.005 cm in size to about 0.03x0.03x0.003 cm in size.

11. The glitter candle composition of claim 1, wherein the glitter material is from about 0.02x0.02x0.03 cm in size to about 0.01x0.01x0.001 cm in size.

12. The glitter candle composition of claim 1, wherein the glitter material comprises Disco HT™, Alu*Flake™, Flamenco Ultra Sparkle 4500™, Timiron MP-24 24 Karat Gold™, Timiron Super Gold™, Colorona Copper Sparkle™, Colorona Bordeaux™, and/or Dichorona BG™.

13. A method of preparing a glitter candle composition in accordance with the present invention, said method comprising:

a) forming a candle matrix substrate in a mixing vessel and heating said substrate above the melting temperature;

b) stirring said substrate while continuing to maintain said substrate above the melting temperature;

c) optionally combining other ingredients except fragrance while continuing to stir and maintain said substrate above the melting temperature, wherein said other ingredients comprise antioxidants, UV inhibitors, dyes, and/or colorants;

d) optionally adding fragrance to said substrate while continuing to stir and maintain said substrate above the melting temperature;

d) adding a suitable glitter material to said substrate while continuing to stir; and

e) pouring said substrate into a suitable mold and cooling.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein said other ingredients are added.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein said fragrance is added.

16. The method of claim 13, wherein said glitter material is substantially uniformly distributed in the substrate.